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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-35, without prejudice. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-35 (Canceled).

- 36. (New) An isolated nucleic acid consisting of SEQ ID NO:21 or SEQ ID NO:26.
- 37. (New) An isolated nucleic acid comprising SEQ ID NO:21 or SEQ ID NO:26.
- 38. (New) An isolated nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide comprising a sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:20 or SEQ ID NO:25.
- 39. (New) An isolated nucleic acid comprising a strand that hybridizes under high stringency conditions to a single stranded probe, the sequence of which probe consists of SEQ ID NO:21 or 26 or the complement thereof, wherein the nucleic acid encodes a polypeptide that has an activity of a G protein-coupled receptor protein, and wherein the high stringency conditions comprise hybridization at 37 °C in 6X SSC, 40% formamide and washing in 0.1X SSC at 62 °C.
- 40. (New) The nucleic acid of claim 39, wherein the polypeptide comprises a sequence of as set forth in SEQ ID NO:20 or SEQ ID NO:25.
- 41. (New) The nucleic acid of claim 39, wherein the strand is at least 15 nucleotides in length.
- 42. (New) A vector comprising the nucleic acid of claim 36.
- 43. (New) A vector comprising the nucleic acid of claim 37.
- 44. (New) A vector comprising the nucleic acid of claim 38.
- 45. (New) A vector comprising the nucleic acid of claim 39.

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46. (New) A cultured host cell comprising the nucleic acid of claim 36.

- 47. (New) A cultured host cell comprising the nucleic acid of claim 37.
- 48. (New) A cultured host cell comprising the nucleic acid of claim 38.
- 49. (New) A cultured host cell comprising the nucleic acid of claim 39.
- 50. (New) A method of producing a polypeptide, the method comprising culturing the cultured host cell of claim 46 in a culture, expressing the polypeptide encoded by the nucleic acid in the cultured host cell, and isolating the polypeptide from the culture.
- 51. (New) An isolated nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide the sequence of which comprise the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:20 or SEQ ID NO:25 with 0 to 10 conservative amino acid substitutions, wherein the polypeptide has an activity of a G protein-coupled receptor protein.
- 52. (New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 51, wherein the number of conservative amino acid substitutions is 0 to 3.
- 53. (New) An isolated nucleic acid comprising a nucleotide sequence that is at least 70% homologous to SEQ ID NO:21 or SEQ ID NO:26, wherein the nucleic acid encodes a polypeptide that has an activity of a G protein-coupled receptor protein.
- 54. (New) An isolated nucleic acid of claim 53, wherein the nucleotide sequence is at least 80% homologous to SEQ ID NO:21 or SEQ ID NO:26.
- 55. (New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 53, wherein the nucleotide sequence is at least 90% homologous to SEQ ID NO:21 or SEQ ID NO:26.
- 56. (New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 53, wherein the nucleotide sequence is at least 95% homologous to SEQ ID NO:21 or SEQ ID NO:26.
- 57. (New) An isolated nucleic acid comprising a sequence that encodes a polypeptide the amino acid sequence of which is at least 60% identical to SEQ ID NO:20 or SEQ ID NO:25, wherein the polypeptide has an activity of a G protein-coupled receptor protein.

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80% identical to SEQ ID NO:20 or SEQ ID NO:25.

58. (New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 57, wherein the amino acid sequence is at least

(New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 57, wherein the amino acid sequence is at least 59. 95% identical to SEQ ID NO:20 or SEQ ID NO:25.